



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

*The Office of the Governor*  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, for more than four decades Senior Corps and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents – have proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans ages 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and*

*WHEREAS, each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 4,432 in Idaho, to serve their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers last year provided more than 96.2 million hours of service, helping to improve the lives of our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen our educational system, protect our environment, provide independent living services and contribute to our public safety; and*

*WHEREAS, Senior Corps volunteers build capacity of organizations and communities by serving through more than 65,000 nonprofit, community, educational and faith-based community groups nationwide; and*

*WHEREAS, at a time of mounting social needs and growing interest in service by older Americans, there is an unprecedented opportunity to harness the talents of 55-plus volunteers to address community challenges; and*

*WHEREAS, service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy and engaged; helps our communities by solving local problems and helps our nation by saving taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs, and strengthening our democracy; and*

*WHEREAS, the fourth annual Senior Corps Week, taking place May 6-10, 2013, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 6-10, 2013 to be*

## ***SENIOR CORPS WEEK***

*in Idaho and urge citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-third.*

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER  
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE